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June 4, 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Bill:

President Reagan's "Star Wars" speech in March of 1983 prompted a national debate on U.S. policy with respect to arms control in space and the use of space for national security purposes. One aspect of this debate relates to the Defense Department's program to develop, test and deploy an anti-satellite (ASAT) weapon system. Last year, the Congress directed the President to submit a report on ASAT arms control which was subsequently received on March 31, 1984. This report's conclusion that "no arrangements or agreement beyond those already governing military activities in outer space have been found to date that are judged to be in the overall interest of the United States and its Allies" was based, in part, on the existence of "significant difficulties of verification."

The Senate may consider an amendment which addresses the issue of ASAT and space arms control in connection with the FY 1985 Defense Authorization Bill. It is likely that the amendment will be Senator Pressler's resolution, S.J. Res. 129, as amended by Senator Percy on May 23, 1984. Because of the responsibility of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to advise the Senate with respect to the monitoring of proposed arms control agreements, we plan to hold a closed hearing on this subject on Wednesday, June 6th, at 10:00 o'clock in Room S-407 of the Capitol.

The Committee would like to hear from Mr. Larry Gershwin, NIO for Strategic Programs, and [redacted] Director of the DCI's Arms Control Intelligence Staff. It would be helpful if Mr. Gershwin would give a brief presentation highlighting the role of space in Soviet military doctrine and, more specifically, the range of Soviet ASAT programs and capabilities. [redacted] statement should cover the principal issues related to monitoring an ASAT arms control agreement. We have also invited an official from the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency who will discuss the Administration's overall policy on ASAT arms control.

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If there are any questions, please feel free to call either of us, or have your staff contact Joe Mayer (224-1751) of the Committee staff.

Sincerely,



Barry Goldwater
Chairman



Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Vice Chairman